



North Carolina Department of Administration

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Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses
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RE: Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC) Program

Dear Potential SWUC Applicant:

As you are likely aware, the N. C. Department of Administration's Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB Office) has been given the authority and responsibility for developing a Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC) Program. The SWUC Program was developed for the purposes of streamlining the certification of minority and women-owned businesses and creating a centralized HUB and minority/women database. Starting July 1, 2009, you must be certified through the HUB Office to be listed in the database to be used by local and state entities for HUB participation and reporting purposes.

Local municipalities and entities that currently administer or maintain a Minority & Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program and use a database of minority and/or women vendors to set, meet and report contract goals are required to participate in the SWUC Program. The HUB Office and the local M/WBE Program Offices have worked closely together to develop the SWUC Program. In an effort to make the transition to Statewide Uniform Certification easily manageable and less cumbersome for our HUB and potential HUB firms, we will implement a Transfer of Certification process. If your firm is **currently** certified with the HUB Office, there is nothing for you to do. Your certification will automatically be transferred into the SWUC Program. When your current certification date expires, you will then request certification under the new SWUC Program.

If your firm is **not** currently certified with the HUB Office, but you are certified with a local M/WBE Program Office, we will accept your certification from that certifying entity and then transfer your certification into the SWUC Program. For your certification to be transferred from one of the local M/WBE Program Offices, you will need to register your firm in the Vendor Link NC database and request HUB Certification. Once you have registered your company in Vendor Link NC, including entering your HUB information, there will be **no further action** required by you. The HUB Office will request your documentation from the local M/WBE Office you have indicated in the registration form. Upon receipt of your documentation from the local M/WBE Office, your firm's certification will be transferred into the Statewide Uniform Certification Program. When your current certification expires, you will then request certification under the new SWUC Program.

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Easy to follow instructions for registering in Vendor Link NC and entering your HUB certification information are attached. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, feel free to contact the HUB Office at 919-807-2330 and speak with one of the Certification Specialists listed below.

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We are excited about the implementation of the New Statewide Uniform Certification Program. We trust that you will find this new certification program less burdensome and extremely beneficial as you continue to do business with and in the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,



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Director